

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Susan Graff on 3 December 2007.

Claim 1 is amended as follows:

In line 3 of the claim, delete ") " in between "SEQ ID NO:18" and "comprising"

Claim 2 is amended as follows:

In line 2 of the claim, insert --- mutations at -- in between "comprise" and "human"

In the last line of claim, delete ") " at the end of the claim

Claim 6 is amended as follows:

In line 2 of the claim, insert ---mutations at -- in between "to" and "hCAR"

In the last line of claim, delete ") " at the end of claim.

Claim 8 is amended as follows:

In line 2 of the claim, delete "is" in between "mutations" and "a"

In line 2 of the claim, insert ----comprise -- in between "mutations" and "a"

Claim 11 is cancelled

Claim 16 is cancelled

Claim 17 is amended as follows

Insert – and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier- - after "1"

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Claim 36 is cancelled

Claim 37 is amended as follows:

In line 3 of the claim, delete "j)" in between "18" and "comprising"

In line 4 of the claim, insert - - mutations at - - in between "to" and "hCAR"

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHULAMITH H. SHAFER whose telephone number is (571)272-3332. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Manjunath Rao, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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